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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2167

To the Honored Members of the Committee,

Please consider fully funding the OSU Vet. School. This institution is an important resource for every pet owner in the state of Oregon. It is also an important resource for the entire nation. I believe there are only 30 vet schools in the nation. We cannot afford to lose one of them at the same time we are having a critical veterinarian shortage, especially for large animal and livestock veterinarians.

As the Executive Director of an organization with 30-36 equines at any given time, I can not imagine how we would properly care for our herd of horses without the OSU team providing excellent, affordable emergency care. They are the only facility able to provide full surgical options within a reasonable driving distance. We have had numerous herd members whose lives have been saved at OSU. Our herd, in turn, helps humans with cognitive, physical, emotional, and social challenges heal and live better lives. The amazing veterinarians and other staff members at OSU help us to help others.

Additionally, many of our local veterinarians in the Portland Metro area went to school there and prove over and over again that the education they received there is an excellent one. Please fully fund their request so we may all continue to experience excellent veterinary care in our area.

Sincerely,  
Amber Varner  
Executive Director  
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